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## **URGENT COAST GUARD ADVISORY NOTICE**

These bulletins are informational for the maritime community within this Captain of the Port zone. They advise you of emerging information and situations that may impact the safety and/or security of our Marine Transportation System. Increased vigilance in our maritime world hinges significantly upon proactive engagement and information sharing with the private sector, which has the primary responsibility for security and safety at their waterfront facilities and vessels.

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Re: United Nations 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and General Assembly – East River Closures

1. From September 12-28, 2005, the U.S. Coast Guard will be activating additional Security Zones near the United Nations Headquarters located on the East River at East  $43^{rd}$  Street. This action has been requested by the U.S. Secret Service and is necessary to protect visiting dignitaries during the U.N.  $60^{th}$  Anniversary Celebration and the General Assembly. The security zone includes all waters of the East River, from East  $35^{th}$  Street, to the Queensboro/ $59^{th}$  Street Bridge.

<b>East River Restrictions</b>			
Date	Time	Zone	Type
At all ti	imes		1
9/13	1400-1	630	3
	1630-2	400	1
9/14	0001-0	800	1
	0800-1	600	3
	1600-1	900	2
	1900-2	400	1
9/15	0001-0	800	1
to	0800-1	900	2
9/23	1900-2	400	1
9/24	0001-2	400	1
9/25	0001-2	400	1
9/26	0001-0	800	1
to	0800-1	900	2
9/28	1900-2	400	1
At all o	ther tin	nes	1

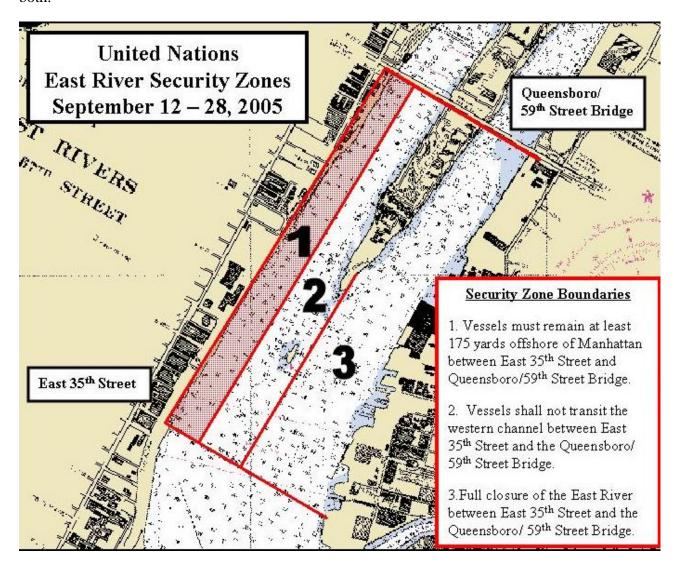
## **East River Security Zones**

- (1) This zone is always in effect. No Vessels within 175 yards of Manhattan between East 35<sup>th</sup> Street and the Queensboro/59<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge in the West Channel of the East River. Commercial vessels must check in with VTSNY on VHF-FM CH 12 prior to entering the West Channel.
- (2) No commercial or recreational traffic in the West Channel of the East River.
- (3) No commercial or recreational traffic in the East River between East 35<sup>th</sup> Street and the Queensboro/ 59<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge other than commercial passenger vessels. Commercial passenger vessels will be escorted through the zone along the eastern shoreline at the discretion of the U.S. Coast Guard Patrol Commander.

## **Roosevelt Island Bridge Openings**

Recreational vessels that require an opening of the Roosevelt Island Bridge must contact the bridge tender at least 15 minutes in advance by phone at **(646) 772-9551** or via VHF-FM CH 13.

- 2. Keep in mind that planning for this event is ongoing and specific times may change. Every effort will be made to keep you informed of changes.
- 3. The Coast Guard Patrol Commander will be monitoring VHF-FM channel 16.
- 4. Violations of this security zone are punishable by a \$50,000 fine, 5 years imprisonment, or both.



The USCG continues to be on a heightened state of alert, consistent with the current Homeland Security threat level and the normally high level of waterways usage in this critical operating area. We are taking appropriate measures consistent with the existing safety and security posture. The USCG is working with DHS, DOT, the FBI, and other security/law enforcement agencies to ensure the security of ports, waterways, coasts and facilities. You are encouraged to continue close cooperation and coordination of necessary safety/security efforts with your local/state law enforcement agencies. Report any suspicious activity to the Coast Guard via marine radio or via our 24-hour watch at (718) 354-4353 or (718) 354-4356.